

*Adams County Historical Museum*

*1939-1940 Scrapbook, Image 114 - 115*

*Transcribed by Karin King*

(Handwritten date: Monday, Sept. 16, 1940)

LOUISE SMITH, 18, OF GENEVA, CLAIMED BY DEATH  
Popular Graduate of Geneva H.S. '40 Dies at Hospital

(Photo of "Miss Louise Suttles Smith)

Louise Suttles Smith, 18, daughter of Marion and Mildred Suttles Smith of Geneva, died at the Adams County Memorial hospital in Decatur at 2:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon of Bright's disease. She had been seriously ill a week and was in an unconscious condition when she was removed to the hospital.

Miss Smith, very popular, was employed as a sales lady in Geneva.

She was born May 2, 1922 in Huntington and was a resident of this county for 12 years. She graduated from the Geneva high school with the class of 1940 and was pianist for the high school orchestra.

Surviving are the parents, a sister Betty and two brothers, Harold and Junior and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Huntington and Mrs. Emma Booher of Union, New Jersey.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the United Brethren church with the Rev. D. R. Lusk officiating. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery.

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SISTER OF LOCAL WOMAN DIES  
Mrs. Jacob Haury Dies Suddenly at Silverton, Oregon

Mrs. Jacob Haury, 73, sister of Mrs. Ben Habegger here, passed away suddenly at her home in Silverton, Oregon, Sunday after (cut off)  
...a message received here today.

She was born in Wells county, on March 8, 1867, the daughter of Michael and Kathryn Moser Gerber but had lived in California and Oregon for many years.

Surviving with the husband are seven children. One child preceded her.

Only two sisters survive. They are Mrs. Ben Habegger (cut off)

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MARRIED AT BERNE (handwritten: "on September 7, 1940")

(Photo) Mrs. John H. Gerstner, Jr. was Miss Edna R. Suckau before her marriage yesterday in the Berne First Mennonite Church. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Suckau of Berne. Formerly a member of the Monroe High School faculty, Mrs. Gerstner attended Wheaton College and the University of Pennsylvania. The couple will reside in Boston, Mass., where Mr. Gerstner will do post-graduate work at Harvard University.

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(Handwritten date: Thursday, December 26, 1940)

### AGED DECATUR LADY IS DEAD

Mrs. Phoebe Schumacher Dies Wednesday After Long Illness

Mrs. Phoebe Schumacher, 90, a resident of Decatur for 85 years, died at 9:15 o'clock Christmas morning at the home of a son, William, after a several years' illness of complications and old age.

She was born in Hamburg, Germany, June 29, 1850, the daughter of Philip and Catherine Keipper, and was brought to this community when five years of age. Her husband, Frank, died preceded her in death.

She was the oldest member of the St. Mary's Catholic church and was also a member of the St. Mary's Society.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Anna Reynolds and Mrs. Margaret Brown of Toledo, O., three sons, William and Tony Schumacher of Decatur and Frank Schumacher of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One daughter, Mrs. Ted Ramsey, is deceased.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at (cut off) the church ....Rev..... officiating.

Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery.

The body will be removed from the Gillig & Doan funeral home this evening to the residence of the son, 704 Elm street, and may be viewed after 7 p.m. until time of the funeral.